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SUBJECT: ITU LISTINGS FOR BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 15458; (B) STATE 212211

SUMMARY. THE BONN GROUP HAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE US, UK, FRENCH, AND FRG MISSIONS IN GENEVA ARRANGE AN URGENT INFORMAL MEETING WITH ITU DEPUTY SYG BUTLER, AT WHICH THE FRG WOULD REQUEST CHANGES IN THE LISTINGS FOR WEST BERLIN IN THE ITU TELEGRAPH OFFICE LIST. AT THIS MEETING, THE THREE ALLIED REPS WOULD STATE THAT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE FRG REQUEST, BUT ASK THAT THE ITU PUBLISH A DISCLAIMER THAT WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO BOTH EAST AND WEST BERLIN LISTINGS. END SUMMARY.

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1. AT SEPTEMBER 25 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (HENZE) STATED THAT THE FRG HAD AGREED TO THE SOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE ALLIES -- THAT THE ITU BE ASKED TO CHANGE WEST BERLIN LISTINGS IN THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE LIST TO READ "BERLIN, FRG." FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU), SECONDED BY US REP, PROMPTLY NOTED THAT ALLIES HAD NOT PROPOSED SUCH A CHANGE, BUT HAD ONLY SAID THEY WOULD NOT OBJECT IF THE FRG REQUESTED IT.

2. CONTINUING, HENZE STATED THAT THE FRG PROPOSAL ON PROCEDURE WAS THAT ALLIED AND FRG REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA SHOULD MEET URGENTLY AND VERY INFORMALLY WITH ITU DEPUTY SYG BUTLER. AT THE MEETING, THE FRG REP WOULD REFER TO THE GDR REQUEST FOR A CHANGE IN EAST BERLIN LISTINGS AND ASK FOR CORRESPONDING TREATMENT FOR WEST BERLIN. AFTER THE MEETING, THE THREE ALLIES WOULD SEND A LETTER TO THE ITU REQUESTING A DISCLAIMER.

3. THE US REP EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD BE IDEAL BUT QUESTIONED THE WILLINGNESS OF THE ITU TO MAKE THE DESIRED CHANGE WITHOUT A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE FRG. HE ASKED WHETHER, IN SUCH CASE, THE FRG WOULD BE PREPARED TO PUT THE REQUEST IN WRITING. HENZE APPEARED OPTIMISTIC THAT AN ORAL REQUEST WOULD SUFFICE BUT SAID THAT, IF NOT, THE FRG WOULD CALL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN BONN GROUP. THE US REP ASKED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT NOW ON NEXT STEPS AND THOUGHT THAT, OF THE VARIOUS IDEAS DISCUSSED AT THE SEPTEMBER 5 BONN GROUP MEETING (REF A), ONE THAT SEEMED TO HAVE MOST PROMISE WAS A PROPOSAL THE UK REP HAD MADE ON THAT OCCASION: THE ALLIES MIGHT SEND A LETTER TO THE ITU, REFERRING TO THE GDR REQUEST FOR CHANGE AND ASKING THAT A DISCLAIMER BE PUBLISHED; THE FRG MIGHT THEN SEND A LETTER TO THE ITU, REFERRING TO THE GDR LETTER AND THE SUBSEQUENT ALLIED LETTER, NOTING THAT ITU LISTINGS WERE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO QUESTIONS OF STATUS, AND ASKING THAT WEST BERLIN LISTINGS ALSO BE CHANGED; IF APPROPRIATE, THE ALLIES MIGHT THEREAFTER INFORM THE ITU THAT THEY CONSIDERED THEIR DISCLAIMER EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO WEST BERLIN LISTINGS. THIS
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PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTED, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT, IF BUTLER INSISTED ON A LETTER, FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN BONN WOULD BE REQUIRED.

4. TO ASSURE THAT ALL FOUR MISSIONS IN GENEVA WERE RECEIVING THE SAME GUIDANCE, IT WAS AGREED THAT EACH REP WOULD RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS:

A. THAT THERE BE A VERY INFORMAL MEETING OF THE
FOUR WITH DSYG BUTLER;

B. THAT, AT THE MEETING, THE FRG WILL ASK FOR
CORRESPONDING TREATMENT TO THE GDR PROPOSAL THAT EAST
BERLIN STATIONS BE LISTED AS "BERLIN, GDR;" IN THIS
INFORMAL SETTING, IT MIGHT BE ELABORATED THAT WHAT IS
MEANT BY CORRESPONDING TREATMENT IS "BERLIN, FRG" FOR

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WEST BERLIN STATIONS;

C. THE ALLIED REPS WOULD STATE THAT THEY HAVE NO

OBJECTION TO THIS FRG PROPOSAL BUT WOULD WISH A
DISCLAIMER TO BE PUBLISHED.

5. ALL REPS REPORTED AGREEMENT OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS
TO THE WORDING OF THE DISCLAIMER AS DRAFTED IN THE BONN
GROUP (BONN 11006, PARA 4), WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"REFERENCES TO PLACE NAMES OR SYMBOLS ARE GIVEN FOR
TECHNICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE WITHOUT
PREJUDICE TO ANY QUESTIONS OF STATUS WHICH MAY BE
INVOLVED."

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6. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FRG RELUCTANCE TO REQUEST A
CHANGE OF THIS NATURE IN WRITING; THE GERMANS DOUBTLESS
FEAR THAT THEY WILL BE ATTACKED FOR ATTEMPTING TO
MAKE UNILATERAL CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF WEST BERLIN.
WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT THE SCENARIO SET OUT ABOVE WILL
WORK, BUT WE CONTINUE TO SUSPECT THE ITU STAFF WILL WANT
TO BE ABLE TO POINT TO SOMETHING IN WRITING, IN ORDER
TO COVER ITS OWN FLANKS IN THE EVENT OF A SOVIET
PROTEST. IF THE END OF SEPTEMBER DEADLINE MENTIONED
BY BUTLER (REF B) IS FIRM, IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT TIME
MAY RUN OUT BEFORE THE MATTER CAN BE SATISFACTORILY
RESOLVED. AS WE WILL IN ANY CASE WANT A DISCLAIMER
PUBLISHED TO COVER THE CHANGES IN THE EAST BERLIN
LISTINGS, WE SUGGEST THAT THE THREE ALLIED MISSIONS
IN GENEVA MIGHT WISH TO BE DRAWING UP A LETTER CON-
TAINING THE DESIRED FORMULATION SO THAT IT CAN GET IN
UNDER THE WIRE REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE
DISCUSSIONS ON WEST BERLIN LISTINGS.
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